

PENNSYLVANIA A-FLOOD.

LIVES SACRIFICED IN RUSHING WATERS.

Railroads Greatly Crippled—Industrial Institutions Forced to Shut Down—Bridges Washed Away—Dams Broken—Houses Swept From Their Foundations.

Though there has been great destruction of property by the Pennsylvania floods, there has been but little loss of life, and, according to the latest dispatches, the waters generally were receding, so that the worst was considered to be over.

For five days and nights western and central Pennsylvania were storm swept. Cloud bursts occurred at different points, lives have been lost, boats have been torn to pieces, and immense quantities of valuable timber scattered.

Many county and railroad bridges have been either obliterated by extensive landslides or washed away by the floods. In the five days the rainfall in Pittsburgh was 2.28 inches. In the Allegheny Valley, at Warren, it was 3.91 inches. At Oil City, it was 4.31; in the Monongahela Valley, at Confluence, it was 2.81; at Fairmount, 1.58; at Lock 4, on the Monongahela, it was 2.50; at Rowlesburg, on the Cheat River, it was 5.45.

In some sections the memorable floods of 1889 and 1891 were surpassed by several feet. This was the case in the Juniata Valley of southern and southwestern Pennsylvania and along the west bank of the Susquehanna River in the northern central portion of the State.

The Pittsburgh and Western tracks in Allegheny were covered. Traffic between Pittsburgh and Altoona was suspended. A coal train being towed by the Baltimore and Ohio.

At Bradford the loss was about \$20,000. During the flood line in the slacking process covered a fire, which burned the Oil Well Supply Company's warehouse. Firemen who were engaged in rescuing flood sufferers had to turn their attention to fighting the fire. This they did standing waist deep in water.

Whereas the flood was the greatest since 1873, business was practically suspended. Row boats took the place of street cars in the lower part of the city. On the island under water, and the water rose to the level of the houses. In the west end four feet of water covered about eight squares.

At Brookville the Allegheny Valley Railroad bridge was washed away, and passengers were transferred in buses by a roundabout way. The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh tracks were washed out between Du Bois and Punxsutawney, and a traffic was suspended.

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FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

DARING BANK ROBBERY.

THE LONGVIEW, TEXAS, FIRST NATIONAL LOOTED.

A Gang Invade the Institution and Begin to Shoot at Once—They Get a Lot of Money, Kill One Citizen, Injure Several Others, Lose One of Their Own Men, and Dash Away.

At 8 p. m. a few days ago two rough-looking men walked into the First National Bank at Longview, Texas. One had a rifle concealed under his coat. He handed this note to President Clemmens.

First National Bank, Longview, Texas, May 23. This will introduce to you Charles Speck, a man who wants some money and is going to have it.

It was written in pencil by B. and F. The other man was dressed in a ball cap and a dark suit. The bank president thought it a subscription to some charity, and started to ask for particulars, when the stranger pointed his rifle at him and told him to hold up his hands.

The other man rushed into the side wire door and grabbed the cash. Tom Clemmens, cashier, and the other bank officials also were ordered to hold up their hands. The robbers then emptied the vaults, securing \$20,000 and three \$10 and nine \$20 unskinned Longview bank notes, which may lead to detection.

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A LAKE MICHIGAN GALE.

MANY SAILORS DROWNED IN VIEW OF THOUSANDS.

Scores of Schooners Foundered—Helpless Vessels Gave to Destruction—Life Savers Did Many Heroic Deeds—Chicago's Fire Department and Regular Soldiers Assisted.

Heavy loss of life and immense damage to shipping is the result of the severe storm that swept Lake Michigan, the mercury dropping from eighty degrees at 10 o'clock in the morning to fifty at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The western shore of the lake from Michigan City to Two Rivers was struck by the gale, and off the breakwater, on the Chicago and Evanston shores, many vessels were pounded to pieces and several capsized.

Fifteen to twenty lives were known to be lost, and the number, it was thought on the morning after the storm, would undoubtedly reach thirty, and probably two score or more.

On two wrecks directly off the Government pier at Twelfth street and Thirty-first street, Chicago, men were killed or injured, or rigging all day, the elements defying the best endeavors of Government and volunteer life savers.

At Fort Sheridan Colonel Crofton ordered out the entire Fifteenth Infantry to patrol the beach and watch the wreckage and help in every way to save human life that was endangered by the storm. Troops B and K of the Seventh Cavalry, of Indian war fame, who were on duty, were sent to the beach to help in the rescue.

Eleven fishermen were caught on the Government pier, and before the party could be rescued one of the number, Thomas Bedloe, became entangled with cold that he was washed off the structure and drowned.

After great labor, the tug Commodore towed the lifeboat out, and a line was thrown to the men. One by one they were dragged to safety.

At 2 o'clock a two-masted schooner off Van Buren street collided with two other boats and was broken in two by the collision. The schooner sank at once. At the same hour a three-masted schooner ran ashore off the foot of Eighteenth street. The waves soon dashed it to pieces. A tug sent out to add the crew rescued five men from a perilous position.

At 3:45 o'clock the schooner Meadow was wrecked off Van Buren street. It was manned by seven sailors. She went over at the south end of the pier. Three men were swept away, and the other four could be seen clinging to the bottom of the vessel. The tug Mollie Spence went out to rescue the four, but did not succeed in saving them.

Four men were drowned from an unknown sailing vessel which foundered just south of the Government pier, and shortly before 4 o'clock the four men were seen struggling in the water and soon disappeared from view.

An unknown schooner four or five miles from the South pier was discovered shortly after 3 o'clock. She was heavily laden with lumber. Her upper portion was gone and it was feared she would go to pieces.

With these wrecks following each other so rapidly, the life savers were entirely unable to do much. The Chicago Fire Department was called out to assist in the rescue of drowning crews. In the main their efforts were unavailing, and while they worked the waves continued to dash against the shore, over which waves twenty feet high dashed in furious succession.

At 2 o'clock the Illinois Central road was compelled to abandon its express service on the shore, and some of the expressmen were washed away. The tug launch Nova put out from South Chicago with two girls, John Williamson and another man. It was feared the entire party had been drowned.

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THE NEWS EPTIMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.
Dr. Samuel G. Mowbray, of Philadelphia, was chosen Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, at Saratoga, N. Y.

Mary valuable port records and over \$150,000 worth of property were destroyed in a Boston fire.

The gunboat Cassin was cut in two at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Navy Yard and will be launched tomorrow for its maker's works.

The Order of Tontis assigned at Philadelphia to Francis Shunk Brown and the Land Title & Trust Company of Philadelphia. The assets of the order are placed at about \$1,320,000.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., Supreme Court Justice Gaynor decided that compulsory vaccination is illegal.

Dr. Moxon, accused of poisoning Ludwig Brandt to obtain insurance money, was found guilty of murder in the second degree at New York City. They entail a sentence of imprisonment for life.

John Canaboli killed George Droom with a fist blow at Great Barrington, Mass.

Fraz in a dry-goods and millinery quarrel of Philadelphia, Penn., caused a loss of \$525,000.

At East Cambridge, Mass., James Wilson, aged forty-five years, with a razor, killed his wife, Ellen, aged thirty-eight years, death resulting almost instantly. Wilson then cut his own throat and inflicted a probably fatal wound.

The Atlantic Avenue Railway Company, comprising forty miles of track in Brooklyn, N. Y., was closed for several days because the motor men refused to wear Norfolk jackets and yachting caps as uniforms.

A gas explosion in the William Penn mines at Ashland, Penn., killed David Fisher and so injured John Stone and Michael New York City. They have since died. Fisher foolishly exposed the flame of his lamp.

The strike on the Atlantic avenue trolley road in Brooklyn, N. Y., was ended, an agreement having been reached between the officials and employees.

Mayor Gilroy, of New York City, appointed Charles H. Murray, a lawyer and one of the local Republican leaders, Police Commissioner, to succeed Charles F. MacLean.

South and West.
CONGRESSMAN OATES's nomination for Governor of Alabama is assured, as more than enough delegates who favor him have been chosen in the County Conventions.

The Cleveland (Ohio) conference between miners and operators to settle the bituminous coal strike has failed.

Over 150 Indians raided ranches and fruit farms in Yuma Valley, California, for the purpose of driving out the Chinese and Japanese. They took a number of prisoners and drove them ahead.

James H. Blanton shot and killed his young wife at Richmond, Va. He then shot and killed himself.

The Georgia Populist State Convention at Atlanta nominated C. H. Hines, of Atlanta, for Governor. Hines is a well-known attorney who was at one time a Judge of the Superior Court in Georgia.

Henry Scott, colored, arrested for the murder of his six-year-old stepdaughter, was lynched by a mob of 100 colored men at Jefferson, Mo.

During a storm in Hawkins County, Tennessee, crops were badly damaged. A number of persons were injured, and one colored man named John Kelly, was killed.

Many dwellings on a Cincinnati (Ohio) hillside have been twisted out of shape and are in such demolition by a slow-moving landslide.

The Traders' Bank of Tacoma, Wash., which failed last summer and reopened a few months later, has suspended again and a receiver has been appointed.

Two aldermen, three police officers and four firemen were injured in a riot in Chicago, Ill., for alleged violation of election laws.

Nothing like the weather of a few days ago has been experienced in Texas for twenty years. There was a heavy frost, and crops are badly damaged.

The heavy snow storm in years previous in Eastern Kentucky. At Corbin the snow was eight inches deep. All sorts of crops were ruined or badly injured as a result.

William Perdue, at Rinehart, Mo., shot and killed W. B. Rundle, then as he was passing a house, and shot and killed himself. Rundle received five bullets in his head. He was about fifty-eight years of age. His murderer was a single man, about thirty-five years old.

Washington.
The District of Columbia Supreme Court denied the application of Brown, Browne and Jones for the Commemorative medals.

It is said that 700 employees have been discharged from the Government Printing Office, by Mr. Benedict, the new Public Printer.

The War Department ordered troops to be held in readiness to suppress the striking coal miners in Indian Territory.

An eighteen-inch steel plate for the USS Albatross was practically demolished by two shots fired at it from a twelve-inch gun on the proving grounds at Indian Head, Washington.

The Senate committee appointed to investigate bribery and corruption in the case of the chairman giving out the purport of the testimony at the end of each day's session.

SENATOR KYLE testified that he was offered \$75,000 to vote against the Tariff bill.

NATURAL OFFICIALS express the belief that the Harvey process would still prove successful for the cure of cancer.

PAUL J. SOBE, successor to the late G. W. Houk, of the Third Ohio District, was sworn in in the House of Representatives.

Foreign.
A WHITE MICROBE has attacked the roots of the wheat crops in La Vendee, Brittany, and Anjou, France, and is doing much damage.

A HORRIBLE DEATH, Nicaragua, resulted in the killing of four soldiers, three policemen and six of the mob. Nicaraguans fear their country will be seized by the United States if the murdering of Americans is not stopped.

EX-PATRIATE WHITEHEAD, of Newfoundland, was arrested by Protestants in Bay de Verds, in retaliation for the recent attacks of Catholics upon Morrison and Morin.

VENEZUELA appeals to the charitable world for aid in her distress resulting from the earthquake.

EDUARDO YATES, author and journalist, was killed with a poplery at the Garrick Theatre, London. He was removed to the Savoy Hotel, where he died.

EMILE HENRY, the French Anarchist condemned to death for exploding a bomb in the case of the Hotel Terminus, was beheaded by guillotine.

FIVE WITNESSES, Berwick Holman and P. N. Lewis, American mining engineers, who left Hermosillo, Mexico, to prospect ten days ago, have been found murdered near Naacoy. It is supposed they were killed by marauding Yaqui Indians.

THE BARCELONA (Spain) Lyceum Theatre, have been shot in that city.

A NOTION has been made in the Brazilian Senate to bestow medals upon Presidents Peixoto and Cleveland, and a majority of deputies oppose a renewal of relations with Portugal.

HEAVY SNOWSTORMS prevailed in the midland counties of England, and the weather was intensely cold.

JAPAN has withdrawn the prohibition against Hawaiians living wherever they please in Japan, an order returned that the Hawaiians be allowed to vote in Hawaii.

KING ALEXANDER, of Serbia, issued a decree abolishing the constitution of 1869 and reviving that of 1858.

QUEEN VICTORIA formally opened the new Manchester (England) ship canal.

JAMES G. McLANE, of Centre Barrington, Mo., is afflicted with a strange malady which the doctors are unable to cure. At present the malady is so bad that he cannot walk and does not cease for an instant until 6.30 o'clock. Then he is completely exhausted. He has tried to restrain himself by trying his jaws, but without avail.